

Senate Resolution 1370

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Orrock of the 36th and James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison has long been recognized by the citizens
3 of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
4 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Allison has diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and
6 energy to the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home since 1950 as the residence's first professional social
7 worker, a residence which served as her own home for a number of years before she left to
8 attend college; and

9 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from Spelman College and a master's degree
10 from the Atlanta University School of Social Work; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1976, Ms. Allison was named executive director of the Carrie Steele-Pitts
12 Home and has provided inspired leadership during her tenure with the residence and
13 demonstrated a commitment to the physical, social-emotional, mental, and spiritual
14 development of generations of Georgia children; and

15 WHEREAS, under Ms. Allison's leadership, the Home has thrived and flourished, providing
16 a safe and secure home for thousands of abused, neglected, and abandoned children from
17 throughout the State of Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, as executive director, Ms. Allison has been the public face of the Carrie
19 Steele-Pitts Home, portraying the professional and caring image of the Home that has served
20 the long-term interests of the children and the Home, brought greater awareness of the Home
21 and its mission, and raised money for the financial needs of the children and the Home; and

22 WHEREAS, during her tenure as executive director, Ms. Allison has overseen the expansion
23 of the Home, including the addition of residence houses and the construction of the Life
24 Learning Center, which was appropriately named in her honor; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout her tenure at the Home, Ms. Allison has inspired the Home's
26 children, staff, and Board of Trustees with her unwavering spirit, her ability to communicate
27 and evaluate people and the needs of the Home, her ability to build a consensus, and her
28 constant attention to the children.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison for her over 59 years of selfless, efficient, and
31 thoughtful service to the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home; applaud her inspired leadership and
32 extraordinary spirit which has guided the children, staff, and Board of Trustees; and
33 recognize her as Executive Director Emeritus for life of the Carrie Steele-Pitts Home.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ollivette Eugenia Smith Allison.